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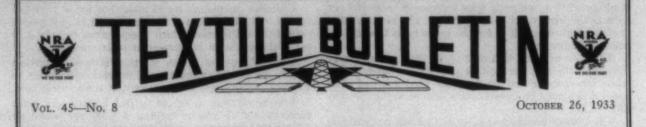
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# Present-Day Relationships Between Cotton Textile Costs and Prices

## BY RALPH E. LOPER

Industrial Engineer

To get a clear understanding of the present situation we must keep in mind what has been transpiring in the cotton textile industry since it passed its peak of expansion in 1923.

At the close of that year there were approximately 38,-000,000 spindles in place in our cotton mills but because of keen competition and unprofitable selling prices the total number of spindles in place has been declining since early in 1924 without an interruption. During this period mills with about 7,500,000 spindles, representing an original investment of approximately \$150,000,000, were dismantled.

In 1929 when the New York stock market was establishing record high prices and when the Dow Jones industrial averages were 350 per cent of their 1923 values, the average price for the stocks of Southern cotton mills was only 62 per cent of their 1923 values and New England textile shares showed much greater depreciation.

The cotton textile industry did not share broadly in the general prosperity of the middle twenties. If, therefore, any year during this period is to be selected as a basis for judging present conditions, it becomes highly important to keep constantly in mind the special position of the cotton textile industry during this base period.

#### MILL SITUATION IN 1926

The United States Department of Commerce has selected the year 1926 and uses the average wholesale price of cotton goods during that year as 100 per cent for the basis of their index of cotton goods prices.

In August, 1933, this index stood at 93.5 per cent and special comment has been made because this is only 6.5 per cent below 1926 prices. Before drawing any conclusions from this comparison it may be well to see what the condition of the cotton textile industry was in this year 1926 which some are inclined to consider normal.

A compilation based upon the Federal income tax returns from 1,060 cotton textile mills for 1926 shows that combining their profits and losses leaves a net deficit of \$32,463,000 after income taxes. Nineteen hundred and twenty-six map represent normal prosperity for industry in general but it was an unfortunate year for the textile industry.

\*Extracts from address before Annual Meeting Cotton-Textile Institute.

Considerable emphasis has been repeatedly placed upon the relation between the price of cotton and the price of cloth during the past ten years. The suggestion has been made that this period should be considered as normal. Let us, however, examine the facts. A careful study based upon income tax returns during five of these years and upon published statements for years on which income tax data is not available indicates that the net deficit of all these cotton mills during this whole ten-year period was more than \$100,000,000 after income taxes.

In their efforts to reduce these ruinous losses, managers have felt obliged from time to time to reduce both wages and salaries. As a result the average hourly wage rates, which have always been relatively low when compared with rates for similar skill or responsibility in other important industries, were only 21.5c per hour in March, 1933

A tabulation of the hourly earnings per employee in each of 87 industries in June, 1933, placed cotton goods next to the lowest. Only cotton seed products was lower with a rate of 19.7c per hour. No one deplored these low wages more than the leaders of the industry.

Selling houses have also borne a heavy share of the burden. Commissions which had been set as low as conditions permitted during normal periods proved to be entirely inadequate during a period of falling prices and curtailed operating schedules.

## CODE PROVISIONS INCREASE COSTS

The following provisions of the code had a direct and important effect upon the manufacturing cost in every cotton mill:

- 1. The 40-hour work week for textile operatives.
- 2. The same weekly pay for 40 hours as was previously paid for the longer week.
- 3. A minimum wage of \$12 in the South and \$13 in the North.

These three provisions of the code increased the manufacturing cost of textile mills in some sections much more than in others. Mills whose operating schedules were already limited by law to 48 hours had their labor costs increased 20 per cent before putting into effect the minimum wage provision. Mills which were operating on a 55-hour schedule had their labor costs increased  $37\frac{1}{2}$  per cent before they applied the minimum wage provision.

After adding the increases caused by the minimum

wage provisions, we get a total increase of over 100 per cent in the labor costs of many mills. The average labor cost per unit of product for the industry as a whole increased 70 per cent.

The 40-hour week with an 80-hour limit on machinery increased the cost per unit of product for taxes, insurance, obsolescence and all the other fixed items of overhead which must be spread over a smaller weekly production.

The costs of fuel and supplies of all kinds and machinery replacements have also materially increased because other manufacturers are operating under codes which have increased their costs and compelled them to obtain higher

The provision of the code which limits the operation of productive machinery to 80 hours per week is an extremely important and valuable provision. It is vital to the success of the whole program that this provision should be permanent. It has increased the cost in mills which persistently ran on longer schedules, but has had little effect on the average cost for the industry, because the third shift is rarely ever an efficient shift and is not required to meet consumer demands.

#### PROCESSING TAX

On August 1st a processing tax amounting to 4.2c per pound net weight of cotton opened was applied to the textile industry, this tax applying uniformly per pound of cotton regardless of grade or length of staple. This adds 30 per cent to today's cost of 1 3-16-inch staple cotton and 45 per cent to the cost of short cotton used in making coarse yarns and heavy work clothes.

This tax is expected to yield \$110,000,000 during the cotton year of 1933 and 1934, yet it is spoken of as being unimportant to the ultimate consumer amounting to less than 8 cents on a sheet, 8½ cents on overalls and a trifle over one cent per yard on unbleached muslin, etc. Actually this tax will collect from the consumers in one year more than the combined net profits of the cotton textile industry during the best year it has had since the world war.

The processing tax is expected to collect more than twice the amount of money the industry is allowed to include for depreciation on Federal tax returns. The processing tax amounts to six times as much as the cotton textile industry pays for all State, county and municipal taxes. Again this sum would have paid all the operatives employed in the cotton textile industry in March, 1933, for a period of nine months at the rates then prevailing.

Unless this phenomenally burdensome tax can be removed it is essential for the protection of the industry that compensatory taxes be levied promptly upon competing products. Already examples are numerous of customers who have changed from cotton to paper towels or from cotton to burlap bags with cancellation of orders for cotton products.

To show the actual results of operation under the code and the processing tax, a careful study has been made of the present cost of manufacturing in representative groups of Southern and Eastern mills. On October 7th the cost of cotton was added to these manufacturing costs and the total was compared with the selling price of the various fabrics and yarns with the following results:

#### PRESENT PRICES SHOW LITTLE PROFIT

The group of fine combed fabrics included a broadcloth, a lawn and a pique. These three standard fabrics showed an average loss of .47c per yard before interest. To return 6 per cent interest on investment at replacement cost requires on these fabrics 2.97c per yard. A similar calculation on October 7th for a group of typical print cloths showed an average of 1.72c per pound earned toward interest, which is equivalent to only 2.38 per cent interest on investment at replacement cost.

A typical group of narrow sheetings showed an average of .83c per pound earned toward interest—equivalent to 1.75 per cent interest on investment at replacement cost.

A representative group of carded hosiery and warp yarns showed an average earning of 1.48c per pound, or 3.2 per cent interest on investment at replacement cost.

Combed yarns with mercerizing twist in ball warps showed an average earning of 2.67c per pound, or 1.62 per cent interest on investment at replacement cost.

These five groups taken together should give us a fair cross section of the industry. On the basis of prices on October 7th they show an average yield of 1.6 per cent on the investment at replacement cost. Some textile plants were constructed when costs were much higher than replacement basis. Others were built for less than replacement cost. Taking all these facts into consideration it is fair to say that the cotton textile industry as a whole is now earning a lower rate of interest on its actual investment than the United States Government pays on its bonds.

#### MILLS IN SOUND POSITION

The cotton textile industry is in a fundamentally sound position. Earnings are still extremely low, but we are better off than we were a year ago, and better than we were two years ago. The 80-hour limit on machine operation has gone a long way toward removing the menace of over-production. The long decline which started early in 1924 and the liquidation which has accompanied it has reduced the available productive equipment to about the level of 1910. In 1910 the work week for textile operatives varied from 54 hours to 60 hours and upwards. Today under the code it is 40 hours, and during the interval since 1910 the population of the United States has increased more than 35 per cent. With the increase in purchasing power expected under the NRA the prospects of the industry should be bright indeed.

A study of the relation of the active spindle hours reported for the industry, and the margin available to cover manufacturing costs, indicates quite clearly that during periods of normal activity in other industries, the nation is able to absorb the product of eight billion spindle hours per month, and to pay prices which yield a reasonable manufacturing margin. Between January, 1930, and May, 1933, the activity of the industry was at all times well below this figure. It averaged for this period of over three years 6,220,000,000 spindle hours per month. Sooner or later the effect of the deficit of cotton goods thus created will be keenly felt and will produce better manufacturing margins in cotton textiles.

#### MILLS CANNOT PROFITEER

There is, however, no possibility of profiteering by textile mills. This is well guarded against by the presence of over 1,000 competing units in the industry, with the largest unit operating only about three per cent of the spindles. Profiteering is also made possible by the terms of your code which allows 80 hours operation for productive equipment. Many mills are so situated that they cannot run two 40-hour shifts, but sufficient mills can do so to assure a safe margin of reserve capacity.

During the eight-week period ending September 9th at least 68 mills were idle for from one to three weeks each, yet manufacturing margins are narrower today on cotton textiles than they were July 17th.

# The Export and Import Situation For Cotton Textiles Under the Code\*

BY HARRY L. BAILEY

N applying the Cotton Textile Code to their plants, cotton manufacturers have given anxious thought to whether the American public would become accustomed to the higher prices that its provisions necessitated. These apprehensions, I think, will gradually disappear as the prices for the products of other industries respond to the effects of other codes, and as the benefits of the higher costs which have been assumed by the manufacturer, the selling agent, the converter, the garment manufacturer, the wholesaler, and the retailer, under NRA, as well as the added costs under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, are distributed to the workers in industry and on the

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The code, however, presents a critical situation from the standpoint of our foreign trade. America is leading the world in the restoration of more normal price levels and resulting purchasing power. For that reason we unquestionably are in advance of other countries with whom we are competing, and the position of American fabrics in world markets is jeopardized.

For some time past, the industry has been at a disadvantage through the depreciation of foreign currencies, which, together with low wages and low production costs in certain countries, made it most difficult for American cotton textiles to compete on a price basis in the markets of the world. Superimposed upon this difficulty, we have now increased cost of manufacture occasioned by shorter working hours, both for operatives and machinery, and by the higher wages resulting from the industry's acceptance of the NRA code. Before the adoption of this code, the struggle to retain export trade taxed every resource of our manufacturers and exporters. Since the application of the code, it has become a losing fight, and foreign competitors are making heavy inroads on our cotton textile export trade the world over.

#### No Help for Depreciated Dollar

Depreciation in the exchange value of the dollar might have been expected to stimulate export trade; but this depreciation is offset by other factors favorable to foreign exporters. We know that the functioning of the code is reflected in increases which add tremendously to the cost of manufacturing, and that through these increases in cost, foreign manufacturers have gained a price advantage over American cotton textiles in the world's markets.

Recent statistics of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce show that our exports of unbleached sheetings 40 inches and under, in June were 5,523,000 sq. yds.; in August they were 2,543,000 sq. yds. Exports of denims in June totalled 902,000 sq. yds.; and in August were reduced to 474,000 sq. yds. The figures for chambrays show 1,470,000 sq. yds. in June, compared with 668,000 sq. yds. in August. Under the classification "Other Printed Fabrics" we find the June exports were 1,833,000 sq. yds.; while in August they were 1,279,000 sq. yds. Decreases in the export yardage of other finished fabrics show the same trend.

\*Extracts from address before Annual Meeting Cotton-Textile Institute.

JAPAN IS ACTIVE

Japan is particularly aggressive in competing for business in what heretofore have been the best markets for our textile exports; but it is of interest, at a time when our own export trade is vanishing, to find that reports from England state that "the latest and perhaps the most encouraging indication of better trade is the expansion of Great Britain's exports."

For example, our export market in Cuba absorbed \$3,-500,000 worth of American piece goods in the year 1932. In the past three months, Japan has sold \$1,000,000 worth of piece goods there; the equivalent, if continued at this rate for the entire year, of the entire Cuban piece goods business of our exporters.

The same situation is extending to the Philippines—our largest export market for cotton goods. True, our goods enter that market fee of tariff duties levied on products of other countries. Yet the Japanese exporters, because of the low production cost of their textiles, can land Japanese goods in the Philippines at prices sufficiently low to enable them to surmount the tariff barrier and take business away from American exporters on the basis of lower prices.

A comparison of prices reveals why the Japanese are making such dangerous inroads on our export trade. On grey goods, for example, the Japanese price in Manila for 36-inch 3.33 yd. fabbric is 4½ C.I.F.; the price on comparable American goods is 8½—a price differential of from 50 to 100 per cent in favor of Japanese grey goods is the handicap faced by our exporters in the Philippines, Cuba, Colombia, Haiti, and other export countries.

We have reports showing that Japanese pajama checks are taking the Venezuelan market from American goods. The Japanese price is 5½c per yd. net C.I.F., compared to 9c for the American fabric.

Japan has invaded Honduras with staple cottons at prices which preclude the possibility of business for American concerns.

Behind this aggressive bid for world export trade in textiles is powerful support given by the Japanese Government through subsidies for industrial and marketing organizations; and under this program the largest subsidies have been given to the textile and export guilds.

AMERICAN EXPORTS OF TEXTILES

Our textile export business has averaged about 7 per cent of the total production of cotton manufacture in this country; in money value this business has averaged over \$1,000,000 annually. Expressed in yardage, it represents over 500,000,000 sq. yds. per year, furnishing employment for over 35,000 employees and over 1,000,000 spindles. With the cost of finished cloth increased from 40 to 60 per cent because of the code, American exporters have no opportunity to fight for the retention of export markets now being taken from them by foreign competitors. None of the competing countries has in its industrial set-up the equivalent of hours of labor and the increased costs occasioned by NRA. The American textile industry's acceptance of this new economic theory has

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## Fast Colors on Cotton\*

### BY S. H. WILLIAMS

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In speaking of fast colors the following remarks will be confined to the four groups: vats, indigosols, naphtols, and rapidogens, and recent developments regarding their application on cotton.

Although a number of the colors in the four groups mentioned will not meet the rigid demands for guaranteed fast color materials, these groups represent the bulk of the types from which the trade makes selections in doing fast color work.

When we mention new developments, let us consider for a moment how few of the present types were at our disposal only a few years back and how important a new product or group of colors might be to the industry. One by one new colors were added to the list, each product calling for investigation as to its use in various plants, so that its advantages and limitations might be pointed out.

The early dyers, chemists and colorists were handicapped working with groups having a limited range. Therefore, they welcomed a new product that might help simplify their problems, whether it was a question concerning the working qualities of a product, or one involving the replacing of a color that was always on edge due to lack of the proper fastness.

An important step in the development of fast colors was the cotton printers' investigation concerning the application of vat colors. Only the pioneers in this field know of the numerous problems that confronted their successful application. The dyestuff manufacturers, quick to recognize a tremendous outlet for their products, immediately put research staffs to work in aiding the industry to apply these colors properly. They recognized the need for smooth, grit-free pastes and colors having the properties of fixing in the shortest possible time in an ager. The results are that today the colorist has at his disposal a wide range of products developed to meet these special requirements.

The majority of these new developments were not accidental, and colors analogous to our every-day, modern appliances are here because of research put to work in an attempt to make products having properties that would overcome some fault of the existing types. Mechanical equipment was improved by the same methods, and machinery manufacturers were quick to see the needs of the industry in producing suitable equipment with which to apply the new colors.

The producer of fabrics containing fast color effects has at his command today thousands of combinations from which to select the proper type for the right job. For this work on cotton the four groups mentioned come foremost into consideration.

Naphtols have already made marked strides in gaining an important position in this field and it is the newer developments that have greatly enhanced the value of this line. The naphtols and their allied groups, the rapid fast colors and rapidogens, are striking examples of careful research.

The introduction of a new development almost immediately compels the progressive plant to investigate its possibilities in order to keep ahead or abreast of the keenest competition. A great number of the products may

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prove of no interest, or have characteristics that may prevent their adoption in a particular line, but in all cases they should be investigated if they are developments of research by reputable concerns.

In most cases a laboratory test will determine the actual value of a product and govern what measures should be adopted in arranging practical trials. It is often true that successful laboratory results fail when put into practice, but it is only through these methods that we learn of the best and discard the unsuitable

When we look back, we find the concerns that have continually carried out experiments in their respective lines the ones that are best informed regarding present-day developments. The future, no doubt, has in store for us a number of drastic changes in color application and a short period of time may find our present methods and products obsolete.

#### NAPHTOLS

Let us look over this group and see the wide range of products now available since the first Naphtol AS was put on the market. Two new products that fill a requirement not obtainable with the older types of this class are Naphtol AS-LT and Naphtol AS-ITR. They fill a need in producing reds, rose and pink combinations that are faster to light than the same shades produced with the older products. Naphtol AS-ITR coupled with the Fast Red Salt or Base ITR is an important combination for producing bright shades of pink on all classes of work.

Naphtol AS-ITR belongs to the substantive class and has very good affinity for cotton. For this reason it is particularly adapted for pressure machine dyeing as it can be salt rinsed to advantage. Since Naphtol AS-ITR is classed with the less soluble naphtols, piece goods to be dyed with this color are best impregnated on the jig.

#### NAPHTOLS AS-LB

This naphtol adds to the range a product for producing pleasing brown shades which are fast to light, washing, and chlorine. It is also highly substantive and can be applied on all forms of equipment. For piece goods the control of the impregnation is more easily handled by applying on the jig, due to its fast exhausting properties. This naphtol is best dissolved hot with the addition of Igepon T or a good grade of sulfonated castor oil.

#### NAPHTOLS AS-SG AND AS-SR

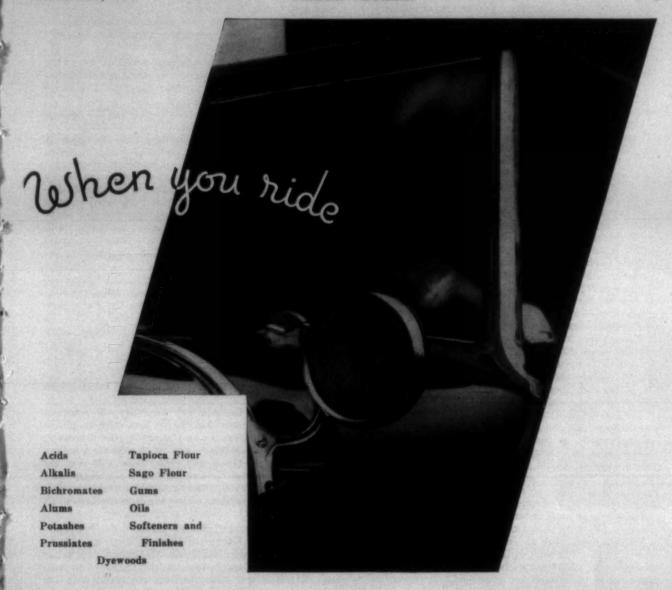
Both these products produce very good blacks, ranging in tone from the green to the red side. They are welcome improvements over the older naphtol blacks made with the various naphtols coupled with the Black salts or Bases

A feature of great importance is their use as shading products, which eliminates a great many of the undesirable combinations that had to be resorted to when dulling naphtol shades. It is always better practice to shade with a naphtol if possible as repeated results are more easily checked. Fast color salts used for shading purposes have always been more or less troublesome because of the difference in coupling energy.

#### NAPHTOL AS-GR

This type produced the first green and proved after years of research that this field was capable of offering almost a complete range of shades.

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## Fast Colors on Cotton

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The green made with this naphtol coupled with Fast Blue Salt BB or Base was a little too blue for the majority of present shades. However, it finds a useful place in shading naphtol blues to the green side, which is necessary often when matching standards produced with the Hydron Blue G types.

Concerning the application of naphtols, I will confine

the following remarks to piece goods.

What factors determine the most suitable method of application for dyeing naphtols on piece goods? The first consideration should be given to the properties of the naphtol to be used. The character of the naphtol decides whether the product is suited for pad work or best applied on jigs. The more soluble types are in most cases the less substantive and, as in the case of padding direct colors, make suitable products for pad work. The stability of naphtol pad solutions in the concentrations necessary for this kind of work must next be considered. It can be seen readily that naphtols having the properties of the less soluble types, being highly substantive and poor in stability, would offer problems in working out pad solutions that would check over a long run.

The yardage to be dyed governs whether or not continuous dyeing enters into the question. Small lots can be handled as economically on the pads and jigs. Naphtolated material gives the best fastness to crocking when dried before developing but as this procedure requires special care, it is seldom resorted to for plain shade work.

The construction of the material is also a factor of great importance and in itself often decides whether the material should be padded or impregnated on the jigs. Heavy goods on construction hard to penetrate, having poor absorption, would give best results by the straight jig method Naphtols dyed on mercerized prepared cloth have a better finished appearance, especially on low carded counts. The mercerizing helps overcome the dead cotton which at times is very noticeable.

DIAZOPON A

Naphtol dyers have at their disposal today a product that fills a long-felt want in the application of this group. Diazopon A finds its use in the developing baths whether fast color salts or bases are employed. It prevents the surface decomposition which oftentimes results in bad work. It keeps in suspension and very finely divided the surplus color lake that is formed in the dyebath. Being held in suspension, this loosely coupled matter is easily removed from the material. This is an important matter in any form of naphtol dyeing.

In diazotizing some of the bases it is often found that they are hard to wet out, but if first pasted with Diazopon they diazotize easily and produce developing liquors

free from scum.

RAPIDOGENS

From the varions naphtols and bases were developed the rapid fast and rapidogen colors which are playing such an important part in cotton printing. The rapidogens, having a wider range than the rapid fast colors, are the never developments and offer in some cases advantages over the AS prepare style and printing on the fast color salts. These colors are best dissolved with warm water, caustic soda and a suitable solvent recommended by the manufacturers of this group. After printing and drying, they are aged in acetic acid fumes.

Just as we have the rapidogens which are developments from the naphtols, so we have the indigosols, the water soluble products of vat colors. The manufacture of water soluble vat colors is truly a great step forward and the future should develop further interesting products along

this line. A factor of no little importance today is that involving the combined uses of the indigosols and rapidogens in cotton printing.

It is the writer's opinion that the combined use of the rapidogens and indigosols in no way endangers the future and importance of the vat colors. No doubt the use of these products will play an important part in future printing of certain styles of fast colors. Their value will be based on the style, pattern and fastness demanded.

A successful method has been worked out recently whereby both these groups are developed in acid fumes, requiring only rinsing and soaping as an aftertreatment.

Regarding the application of vat colors, to my knowledge there have been no drastic changes in methods during this past year. Colors have been improved to meet the present requirements. Finely dispersed pastes are at the disposal of the pigment-pad dyer and colors with increased stability properties have been manufactured to meet the more rigid requirements of the continuous piece goods dyer.

In regard to the newer vat colors, I am sure all of you are familiar with the recent new types offered to the trade. Two products of importance are the Indanthren Greys BG and M. They offer shades that are fast to light in pale tones and can be applied on cotton in all forms from rawstock to the finished piece.

## Combed Yarn Sppinners Urge Compensating Tax on Rayon

At a meeting in Gastonia last Thursday, the Southern Combed Yarn Spinners' Association took steps to get relief from the situation brought about by the processing tax on cotton, which they assert is causing them to lose much business to rayon and other fibres. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the spinners must take concerted action in order to enable to compete fairly under the existing method of levying a processing tax on cotton alone.

To this end, the association's planning committee, composed of R. Grady Rankin, of Gastonia, chairman; A. K. Winget, of Albemarle, and T. H. McKinney, of Chattanooga, was authorized to begin work at once to co-ordinate all textile and other interests concerned with the problem into a single unit for protection.

It was pointed out by many of those present that the combed yarn industry is suffering greatly from the competition by rayon, jute and other competitive fibers. One or two combed yarn men reported that some of their customers had offered to resell some of their cotton yarn to the mill men at less than cost, because the rayon product could be had much more cheaply.

In the meantime, the above committee is asking that all combed yarn and carded yarn men, mercerizers and weavers, communicate to them all and any instances of the discrimination practiced against them, so that the information thus secured might be used in securiting needed relief from the situation.

Among the many textile leaders present for the meeting were W. H. Suttenfield, of Statesville, second vice-president of the association; Fred M. Allen, of Gastonia, secretary; F. P. Baker, of Tryon; L. L. Hardin, of Clover; T. H. McKinney, of Chattanooga; L. N. Boys, of Tuxedo; D. B. Coltrane, of Concord; W. U. Shinn, of Norwood; W. D. Rhyne, of Cherryville; S. W. Cramer, of Cramertoh; C. E. Hutchison, of Mount Holly; A. A. Cline, of Granite Falls; J. S. Wilcox, of Charlotte; and G. F. Lattimer, of Kings Mountain, and representatives of mills in Salisbury China Grove, Lincolnton and elsewhere.



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COTTON YARNS AND CUSTOM YARN DYEING

# Present and Prospective Developments Under the Cotton Textile Code\*

## BY GEORGE A. SLOAN

President Cotton-Textile Institute.

THE Cotton Textile Code has been in effect three months. Under its statistical provisions the Cotton-Textile Institute is now receiving reports of production, stocks and unfilled orders with respect to broad divisions and staple constructions of cotton textiles from many hundreds of mills and reports as to wages and working hours. What broad pictures do these reports now present? First, as to stocks: They show that in the middle of September, stocks on a comparable basis with a year ago, amounted to approximately the same quantity as a year ago, namely, 240,000,000 yards, as against 240,405,000 yards on September 30, 1932. It is well to point out at this time that stocks just prior to the adoption of the code on July 17th had been materially reduced, amounting approximately to 180,000,000 yards. In some groups, such as fine goods, wide and narrow sheetings, carded and combed yarns, denims and other colored goods, the stocks were down to the lowest point recorded in the 51/2-year period for which comparable statistics are available. From such print cloth reports as were available, it was apparent that print cloth stocks were also reduced during the midsummer to the vanishing

This stock reduction is mentioned because it has been frequently stated that cotton mills deliberately accumulated a large volume of stocks in order to be well supplied when the reduced working hours and higher minimum wages went into effect. Any such statement or inference is highly inaccurate and unfair. As a matter of fact, the industry's stock position reached the lowest point upon record by the middle of July.

#### UNFILLED ORDERS

Second, as to unfilled orders: The volume of seasonal buying of cotton goods last year was very heavy and on September 30, 1932, unfilled orders amounted to 570,000,000 yards. On September 16, 1933, the latest date for which aggregate figures are available, the same mills had unfilled orders amounting to 425,000,000 yards. On the whole production has been fairly well balanced with demand. It is true that the aggregate stock position is somewhat higher today than on July 17th, but we must remember that they had reached a point of contraction which we could not reasonably expect to be continued.

#### HOURLY WAGES

Turning from production and stocks, let us now examine what the reports show as to the hourly wages paid to various occupational groups in mills. The filing of this information is mandatory on every cotton mill and each report is carefully examined by our statistical staff. If there is the slightest indication that lower than the minimum wage is being paid any worker entitled to the minimum or that he is working longer hours than the maximum, the matter is taken up immediately with the mill.

At the outset there were some misunderstandings which had to be explained by correspondence or by our field representatives, but I am happy to report that any indication in these wage and hour reports of deviations from the code have practically disappeared. This is due in large measure to the fact that the Institute's field force is constantly on the move in interpreting the various provisions of the code.

You will recall that the code provides that the amount of differences existing prior to July 17, 1933, between the wage rates paid various classes of employees receiving more than the established minimum wage shall not be decreased. The importance of this section of the code has been pointed out by NRA officials. Where the hourly wage was previously above the minimum, this provision is a guarantee that the minimum wage shall not become the maximum wage.

While there are no available records of wages paid for different classifications of workers immediately preceding the effective date of the code, the wage data published for the year 1932 by the Department of Labor in Washington, compared with the wage reports now being compiled by the Institute, make it reasonably certain that the wages received by those who had been receiving more than the minimum, and the differentials, as well, have been adequately preserved. For instance, slasher tenders in 1932 earned 11/2c per hour more than weavers. Over one thousand mill reports filed with the Institute showed that slasher tenders in August, 1933, earned on the average 2.2 cents per hour more than the weavers. Card grinders in 1932 earned 2.5c more than weavers; in August, 1933, 3c more. Warping and dyeing machine tenders in 1932 earned 2.5c more than weavers and in August, 1933, 4.5c more. Loom fixers in 1932 earned 9c more than weavers, and in August, 1933, 12c more. The average for seven occupational groups in 1932 that earned, according to Government reports, more than the minimum wage now prescribed in the code, including those above mentioned, was 34.9c per hour. In August, 1933, the average for the same group was 43.9c per hour, or an increase in the hourly rate of 25 per cent. Furthermore, the August, 1933, rate for this group was about 40 per cent in excess of the code minimum. Bear in mind that these averages include all kinds and classifications of cotton mills, including those making the plainest, coarsest and cheapest types of fabrics where the degree of skill is naturally less than in mills making the finer fabrics. Weaving of a coarse bagging is one thing; weaving of fine lawn or organdy for evening gowns is a very different

#### EFFECT OF MINIMUM WAGE MISUNDERSTOOD

I am dwelling on the preservation of these traditional differentials in the industry for the different occupational groups for a very definite reason. A complete misconception of the effect of the minimum wage provisions of the Cotton Textile Code has been broadcast to the country. An utterly false impression has been widely conveyed that minimum wages in the cotton industry are the prevailing rates of wages for all grades of employment. It (Continued on Page 27)

<sup>\*</sup>Extracts from address before Annual Meeting Cotton-Textile Institute.

## Dry Goods Movement Broadest In Years

A FTER dragging along during the first three months of last year at the bottom position of nearly a quarter of a century, the revival of retail distribution and the quickening in the long-deferred calls for Spring and Summer merchandise in wholesale markets brought a restoration of confidence to the entire dry goods trade in April. By the end of May, this activity had been extended to the broadest rate in the history of peace time, with prices and wages rising rapidly, production increasing, and sales pushing far ahead of output. Expansion progressed at an even more rapid rate during June, causing mills and their agents to decline much of the contract business tendered. Textiles had suffered a longer and more complete liquidation than any other lines, so that when confidence and demand revived the uplift was pronounced.

July witnessed the inauguration of the National Recovery Act in the cotton goods division—the first code to be adopted- right up to July 17, when it became operative, production was at its highest for nearly two years. After that date, output commenced to taper down to a fortyhour-week basis with many mills operating two sets of workers over a period of eighty hours each week. Production, distribution, and consumption have continued so much above the level of a year ago and prospects for the holiday trade have become so promising that many firms are counting on ending the year with a fair profit. Even though business during the remainder of the year should show only a slight gain over the 1932 sales, profit margins will be sizable, because of the good results in the second and third quarters, according to a survey of the dry goods trade, which has just been completed by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.

### PRODUCTION NEAR CAPACITY.

The substantial volume of textile output thus far this year is being consumed, as inventory reports give no threats of congestion in the movement for the immediate future. Much of the current business in first hands, however, has to do with godds for a new Spring season, although needs for immediate sales are reflected clearly in the many requests for prompt shipments. An outstanding feature of production is in the rayon division, where manufacturers have been forced to allot their output to insure satisfactory deliveries and to meet trade requirements. Manufacturers of woolen goods continue at about the same high rate that characterized production during the Summer months, although demand for finished goods has been somewhat lighter since Ocetober 1. Many mills already have Spring orders in hand to carry current schedules through the holiday period.

The silk trade has suffered from the severe strikes in dyeing and finishing plants, yet the cleaning up of low quality converted goods has left the market in much better shape than it has been in for a long time. Production in the cotton goods division has been aided by active buying of print cloths, broadcloths, and some other convertibles at a time when the markets were weakened steadily, following lower cotton prices and higher demand. Many large mills now are sold ahead from two to three months. Improvement in the sales of fine and fancy cottons has supplied that division with sufficient business for the last quarter of the year. The colored goods division is well

FTER dragging along during the first three months occupied on work-shirt and work-suit fabrics, play cloths for children, men's trouserings, flannels, and such staples as denims and checks.

#### LARGEST SALES IN TWO YEARS.

For the first nine months of the current year, total sales of wholesalers exceeded the comparative figures of 1932 by at least 50 per cent. During the first two months of the year, sales were below normal, but during some of the months which followed, sales frequently ran as high as 70 to 100 per cent above those for the corresponding months a year ago. There were many delays in filling orders during this period, caused by the sold-up condition in some of the staple lines. From May 1 until the middle of August, sales of leading wholesalers reached the highest volume in two years. Early demand was for piece goods and staples, with the heavier flannels and knit goods predominating now. Stocks are in good shape to take care of fill-ins.

July was the outstanding month of the year for retailer, both in volume and profits. August and September did not continue the higher record establish for July, but since the first of the current month demand in many divisions has been stronger. Distribution has been chiefly in staples, such as prints, muslins, sheetings, flannels, hosiery, underwear, and blankets. While staples marked at medium prices have been selling better than fancy goods, there has been a noticeable increase in the demand for the better qualities of merchandise during the last thirty days.

#### HIGHER PRICES GENERAL.

Prices in nearly all divisions have increased steadily since April, and at present are from 25 to 100 per cent higher than at the beginning of the current year. The most striking advances have been in unfinished goods, where quotations on many of the most staple number are more than double the prices quoted in February. Mark-ups in the cotton goods division have been sharp, notably in print cloths, sheetings, broadcloths, printed percales, denims, ticking, towels, sheets, and pillowcases. Blankets are sellingat retail for about 75 per cent more than they brought a year ago, while quotations on raw wool are 92.2 per cent higher than in the comparative period of 1932.

Although the trend of prices is upward, on the whole, there have been some recessions of late in several cotton goods lines, chiefly percales, printed draperies, cretonnes, and some of the wash goods. On the other hand, sheets and pillowcases have held steady, with a large movement still under way. Prices of some of the staple towels are lower, but the new weaves are higher. Candlewick bedspreads have been marked down, to some extent, but most high-grade woven lines are holding firm.

#### FAILURES REDUCED ONE-HALF.

The wider distribution and higher prices for all grades of dry goods have checked the steady increase in failures since 1929, which reached an all-time peak in 1932, with the number of defaults totalling 3,183 and the involved liabilities \$73,931,987. In 1932 manufaacturers were going into bankruptcy at the rate of 8 a month, while the monthly average the current year is only 5. The monthly failure average of 257 for retailers in 1932 has been reduced to 152 during nine months of 1933...



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THE following officers of the Cotton-Textile Institute were elected at a meeting of the Board of Directors in New York City: President, George A. Sloan, New York City; Vice-Presidents, G. Edward Buxton, Providence, R. I., Donald Comer, Birmingham, Ala.; Treasurer, Gerrish H. Milliken, New York City; Secretary, Paul B. Halstead, New York City.

New members of the Executive Committee include: Alfred E. Colby, Pacific Mills, Boston, Mass.; Walter S. Montgomery, Spartan Mills, Spartanburg, S. C.; K. P. Lewis, Erwin Cotton Mills Co., Durham, N. C. The following members of the Executive Committee

The following members of the Executive Committee were re-elected: Robert Amory, Boston, Mass.; Wm. D. Anderson, Macon, Ga.; Harry L. Bailey, New York City; Bertram H. Borden, New York City; Cason Callaway, LaGrange, Ga.; Stuart Cramer, Cramerton, N. C.; B. B. Gossett, Charlotte, N. C.; Robert E. Henry, Greenville, S. C.; Russell H. Leonard, Boston, Mass.; Henry F. Lippitt, Providence, R. I.; Gerrish H. Milliken, New York City; Frank I. Neild, New Bedford, Mass.; Geo. M. Wright, Great Falls, S. C.

The president and the two vice-presidents are members of the executive committee ex-officio.

#### DIRECTORS ELECTED

Thirty-two directors were elected at the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc., held in New York City. Twenty-five were chosen for a term of three years, three for a term of two years and four for a term of one year.

Directors elected for three years were: W. D. Anderson, Bibb Mfg. Co., Macon, Ga.; A. H. Bahnson, Washington Mills Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.; S. M. Beattie, Piedmont Mfg. Co., Greenville, S. C.; Jas. A. Burke, Sagamore Mfg. Co., Fall River, Mass.; G. Edward Buxton, B. B. & R. Knight Corp., Providence, R. I.; A. E. Colby, Pacific Mills, Boston, Mass.; Donald Comer, Avondale Mills, Birmingham, Ala.; W. W. Coriell, Nashawena Mills, New Bedford, Mass.; Philip Dana, Dana Warp Mills, Westbrook, Me.; A. E. Davis, Rowan Cotton Mills, Salisbury, N. C.; F. C. Dumaine, Amoskeag Mfg. Co., Manchester, N. H.; A. M. Fairley, Waverly Mills, Laurinburg, N. C.; F. A. Flather, Boott Mills, Lowell, Mass.; R. H. I. Goddard, Lonsdale Co., Providence, R. I.; L. O. Hammett, Chiquola Mfg. Co., Honea Path, S. C.; Weston Howland, Warwick Mills, West Warwick, R. I.; J. A. McGregor, Utica & Mohawk Cotton Mills, Utica, N. Y.; John McMahon, Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, New York City; W. S. Montgomery, Spartan Mills, Spartanburg, S. C.; W. B. Munson, Jr., Denison Cotton Mills, Denison, Tex.; A. G. Myers, Textiles, Inc., Gastonia, N. C.; Frank I. Neild, Neild Mfg. Corp., New Bedford, Mass.; Ralph C. Perkins, Pilgrim Mill, Fall River, Mass.; R. L. Stowe, Chronicle Mills, Belmont, N. C.; Thos. H. Webb, Locke Cotton Mills, Concord, N. C.

The following were elected for two years to fill vacancies: F. H. McDevitt, Soule Mill, New Bedford, Mass.; T. H. McKinney, Standard-Coosa-Thatcher Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.; Geo. R. West, Jr., Dixie Mercerizing Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

The following were elected for one year to fill vacancies: John B. Clark, Clark Thread Co., Newark, N. J.; Stuart H. Johnson, West Boylston Mfg. Co. of Ala., (Continued on Page 22)



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## PERSONAL NEWS

George W. Turnipseed has resigned as superintendent of the Cotton Mill Products Company, Mobile, Ala.

J. G. Sanders, formerly with the Abbott Machine Company, but who some weeks ago became overseer of spinning at the Cotton Mill Products Company, Mobile, Ala., has been promoted to superintendent of the mill.

Bernard Snow has resigned his position with the Goodyear clearwater Mills, Cedartown, Ga., to accept a position with the Stonewall Cotton Mills, Stonewall, Miss. Mr. Snow, who is a graduate of Georgia Tech, is a nephew of George Snow, of the Atlanta Brush Company.

R. A. Morgan, who is now in charge of the Cedartown Cotton and Export Company, Cedartown, Ga., has not resigned his position with the Textile Development Company, as first reported. The latter company now has a management contract with the mills, which is being handled by Mr. Morgan.

H. L. Pruitt has resigned as overseer of weaving at the Lanett Mill Division of the West Point Manufacturing Company, anett, Ala., to become superintendent of the Adams-Swirles Mills, Macon, Ga., and the Washington Mills, Tenille, Ga. He had served at Lanett for the past eight years.

John A. McFalls, who recently resigned as superintendent of the Mooresville Cotton Mills, Mooresville, N. C., to become identified with the Morgan group of mills, with headquarters at Laurinburg, N. C., is general manager of the group, which has plants in Laurel Hill, Laurinburg, and Raeford, N. C., and in Quitman and Millen, Ga.

R. S. Shaffer is now Southern representative for the Rochester Engineering and Centrifugal Corporation, a division of the American Laundry Machinery Company, which produces textile equipment. He will make head-quarters at 919 Johnston Building, Charlotte. The company is represented in New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Connecticut by C. F. Fischer, 989 Sixth Ave., New York, and in the Mid-West by H. C. Rembold, of Cincinnati.

Earle Mauldin, who for a number of years managed the Southern Textile Expositions in Greenville, and was later connected with the Park Manufacturing Company of Charlotte and the Crown Piece Dye Works of Woonsocket, is now associated with Frank E. Keener of the Atlanta office as sales representative for General Electric Vapor Lamp Company. The Atlanta office territory includes, Georgia, Alabama and Tenessee.

## Feindel Heads Textile Chemists Group

George P. Feindel, chief chemist at Union Bleachery, Greenville, was elected chairman of the Piedmont Section, American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, at the fall meeting held at Hotel Charlotte, Charlotte, last Saturday evening. He succeeds Arthur R. Thompson, of the North Carolina Finishing Company, who served for the past year.

Prof. Albert H. Grimshaw, of the Textile School, N. C. State College, was elected vice-chairman; John C. Robinson, of R. & H. Chemical Co., Greenville, secretary, and Fred Tilson, of Mathieson Alkali Works, Charlotte,

treasurer. Paul Haddock, of American Cyanamid & Chemical Co., Charlotte, acted as chairman of the nominating committee.

George S. Harris, treasurer of the Springs Mills, Lancaster, S. C., was one of the principal speakers at the meeting. He discussed the operation of the textile mills under the Recovery Act. Mr. Harris urged that manufacturers be slow to criticise the results obtained so far under NRA, pointing out that it is not yet possible for the program to establish its strength or show its weakness. He thinks that developments so far show that the program will bring lasting benefits to the textile industry.

Mr. Harris also reviewed several other important features of the Roosevelt program, concluding that the various phases of the program should combine to bring about industrial recovery.

It was voted to hold the next meeting of the group in Greensboro some time in January.

## **Employees Honor Mill Head**

Marion—W. P. Elliott, hosiery manufacturer of Marion, was surprised by employees of the Elliott hosiery mill with a beautiful birthday greeting, intended at once to express the good will of the employees toward the management and to perpetuate the memory of pleasant relations between employer and employees.

The greeting was in the nature of a copper plate attractively framed and bearing the inscription, beautifully engraved: "To you, Mr. W. P. Elliott, we present this tablet on your thirty-third birthday, October 7, 1933, as a symbol of our appreciation of your service to us..."

## Two New Directors for Climax

Belmont, N. C.—W. B. Pruett and Charles T. Stowe were elected directors of Climax Spinning Company to succeed the late D. E. Rhyne at the annual meeting of stockholders. All other officers were reelected.

## **OBITUARY**

#### C. C. STEVENSON

Augusta, Ga.—C. C. Stevenson, superintendent of Riverside Mills for the past 11 years, died suddenly at his home, 612 West Avenue, North Augusta, S. C., on October 20th. Funeral services were held at his home on Sunday, October 22nd. He was buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery. Mr. Stevenson was widely known in textile circles all over North and South Carolina and was regarded as a very efficient manufacturer. He was a brother-in-law of J. G. Iler of this city.

### H. A. MASSEY

Macon, Ga.—H. A. Massey, 45, formerly superintendent of the thread division of the Bibb Manufacturing Company in Macon, for seventeen years, died Tuesday at his home in Gray. He was widely known in textile circles in this State. He is survived by his widow and three children.

## CHRISTY GADSDEN SAYRE

Anderson, S. C.—Christy Gadsden Sayre, 58, formerly chief owner and operator of the former Anderson Hosiery Mills, and a prominent citizen of this city for many years, died at the Anderson County Hospital, following an illness of two weeks, complications having followed an operation for appendicitis.



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## Opening, Mixing, Picking, Cleaning and Carding Questions Discussed At Gastonia

THE Gaston County Division of the Southern Textile Association held its regular fall meeting at the Community House of the A. M. Smyre Manufacturing Company, at Ranlo, N. C., on Friday evening, October 20th. A series of questions on opening, mixing, picking, cleaning and carding formed the basis for the technical discussion.

About sixty members were present at the meeting, which was arranged by the Executive Committee of the Division, composed of William McLoud, W. L. Long, W. N. Williams, R. F. Harris and Marshall Dilling.

Comparison Between 1931 and 1932 Cotton Crop. The first question asked for a comparison between the spinning qualities of the 1931 and 1932 crop. At previous meetings of this Division it was brought about that the Delta cotton crop of 1931 was one of the poorest on record and that the mills experienced much difficulty in processing it. This information was likewise shown in a survey of the 1931 crop by the Arkwrights.

Discussing the 1932 crop, William McLoud, superintendent of the Rhyne-Houser Manufacturing Company, Cherryville; A. P. Richie, superintendent Dixon and Trenton Mills, Gastonia; D. W. Whitener, superintendent Myrtle Mills, Gastonia, and several others agreed that the 1932 crop was considerably better than that of 1931, but that it was not up to the average quality. Mr. Richie said that it was not as strong as the crop usually is. Mr. Whitener found that the 1932 crop was stronger and made lass waste than the 1931 crop but was not up to standard.

Mr. Dilling spoke of the poor quality of the Delta crop of 1931 and stated that the 1932 crop was considerably better. The Carolina long staple cotton, he found, was about of average quality in 1931 and 1932.

#### 1933 COTTON CROP

In discussing the quality of the 1933 cotton, which mills are just now beginning to use, Mr. Dilling said that it was apparent that this year's crop would not be as good as 1932. He believes this due to the weather in the Delta which caused the cotton to mature early, as was the case in 1931

G. R. Grice, superintendent of Excell Manufacturing Company, Lincolnton, reported that the local cotton of the 1933 crop was not as good as that in 1932. The staple is running short on cotton from the same land, and from the same seed. W. R. Long, superintendent of Dunn Manufacturing Company, Gastonia, also reported that this year's local cotton is averaging shorter staple, contains, much fly and is weaker than the preceding crop.

The Delta crop of this year, Mr. Richie stated, is running about the same quality as the 1932 crop. Several other men agreed that the 1933 crop is not showing up as well.

No Longer Necessary to Age Cotton Before Using The next question was "How long do you find it advisable to open cotton before processing?"

The discussion on this question showed that improve-

ment in recent years in opening and preparatory equipment has enabled the mills to eliminate the former practice of letting cotton stand, after being opened, for a considerable period, before starting it through the mill.

Mr. McLoud stated that before the introduction of modern opening equipment, it was necessary to let the cotton stand for three or four days before using. He is now opening 20 bales of cotton at a time, and does not find it necessary to age it after opening before processing. He thinks that the fact that modern mills can keep their humidity under proper control is one of the principal reasons why cotton can be handled without ageing.

Mr. Whitener and Mr. Dilling agreed that it is no longer necessary to open cotton in advance of processing. This is due to improvement in machinery which permits the cotton to be more completely separated before using.

#### OPENING EGYPTIAN COTTON

Several members who had experience on Egyptian cotton, found that it must be opened well in advance of processing. This is due to the fact that the Egyptian cotton is compressed to about twice the density of American bales and must necessarily be allowed to stand before regaining its natural condition. J. W. Long, superintendent of the Hampton Spinning Mills, Clover, S. C., opens 12 bales of Egyptian cotton at a time and allows it to stand two days before using. It does not work well if used immediately after opening, he stated. This condition could be improved by additional machinery for opening and cleaning, he thought. W. H. Smith, assistant superintendent of the Ranlo Manufacturing Company, agreed with Mr. Long. He opens eight to ten bales, lets it stand a day and feeds a layer off the end of each bale in mixing.

#### MIXING

The next question was "What is the best method of mixing cotton? How many bales at a time? Compressed or big bales?"

D. B. Parish, superintendent of the Bowling Green Spinning Company, Bowling Green, S. C., reported that he is getting good results by mixing 40 to 50 bales, feeding of each bale. He is getting a very uniform mixture. Several other members reported a similar experience. The majority seemed to think that best results are had when not less than 30 bales are mixed, though some were getting good work by mixing 20 bales.

It was brought out that in mixing compressed and uncompressed bales, it is essential to have a "fifty-fifty" mixture to get a uniform mixture, but that it is not the best practice to mix the two. Mr. Dilling and others stressed the fact that it is not practical to mix compressed and big bale cotton. It is far better to handle each kind separately.

#### Types of Openers

Very little discussion was provoked on a question dealing with various types of openers. Several speakers expressed a preference for the vertical openers. J. W. Long

reported excellent results in using a cleaning trunk on connection with a single vertical opener.

LIGHT AND HEAVY FEEDING ON PICKERS

While a number of members stated that tests had showed them very little difference between heavy and light feeding on pickers, the majority opinion favored feeding light. It was brought out that it would depend somewhat upon the character and condition of the cotton as to whether it should be fed heavy or light.

### ONE-PROCESS VS. TWO-PROCESS PICKING

Several members reported, in answer to a question relative to the evenness of laps from one and two-process pickers, that they were getting better results on the one-process system. Mr. Dilling, using a one-process picker of the "change over" type, said that the laps were more

M. R. Adams, superintendent of the Parkdale Mills, after coupling up his pickers for one-process, found a real improvement in his work. He is not losing as many laps, they are more even, had less trouble when changing cotton and is getting somewhat better production. In response to a question asking for the merits of the oneprocess system, several members reported that after making the change, they had better laps, better work in the succeeding processes, and found a savings in labor and power.

#### TYPES OF BEATERS

The next question called for a discussion on the best types of beaters on breaker and finisher pickers and for

the speed and beats per inch for each.

Most of the members expressed a preference for the Buckley beater on the first beater process and Kirshner beater on the finisher picker. J. W. Long and others emphasized the fact that the blades on the Buckley beater are staggered, giving the stock a sidewise blow, and that they give good cleaning without injury to the

Mr. Dilling called attention to the fact that it is important to keep the points of beaters in good shape. It is just as essential to have the points sharp as it is to grind cards, he stated.

#### EFFECT OF FAN SPEED ON WASTE

Mr. Dilling then asked what effect the speed of fans had on making waste. Mr. McLoud advocated slower fan speed to get better results. He stated that he had reduced fan speed on Kirshner beaters from 1,200 down to 705. He gets less waste and avoids split laps. He also pointed out that the speed of the beater helps the fan action and allows lower fan speed. He said also that excessive fan speed forced the cotton against the screens and held it there, whereas a lower speed had a better effect on the stock.

#### BEST PLACE TO OIL COTTON

The next question asked for information relative to the best place to apply spraying oil to the cotton. It was found that a number of members who were using oil agreed that it was best to apply it just below the feed rolls in the breaker. Mr. Dilling and others stressed the point that it was best to clean the cotton as much as possible before applying the oil, as the first beater process cleaned cotton better before it was oiled. In the discussion on oiling cotton, most members using it reported that they used one-half of one per cent. The use of oil was advantageous, members said, in keeping the mill much cleaner throughout, making it easier to keep numbers, in keeping down gouts in yarn and in reducing static.

In answer to the question as to whether the oil had any effect on moisture regain or on the finishing processes,

Mr. Dilling stated that it had no effect on either in the finished product.

HEAVY AND LIGHT CARDING

Members who took part in the discussion of the question, "which gives the best results, heavy slow carding, or fast light carding?" generally agreed that light carding was better. John W. Long advocated fast light carding, stating it gave a cleaner web, but not necessarily a lighter lap. Mr. Williams favored a light sliver and fast doffer speed. He likes a card draft of 120 on 1 3-16 to 13/4inch cotton. H. G. Winget said he preferred light carding and a draft of 120 on 1 5-32-inch cotton. Mr. Whitener uses a draft of 120 on the same length staple, and of 140 on Egyptian cotton, 1 7-32 staple.

Mr. Dilling reported that he had tried a card draft of as high as 130 on 13/4-inch cotton, but that when the draft was long on shorter staple cotton, there were more ends down. He believes that the draft should be increased on long staple and cut down on short staple cotton.

One member stated that on Sea Island cotton, a draft

of 190 can be used.

BEST DRAFT ON RIBBON AND SLIVER LAP MACHINES In answer to the question, what is the best draft on ribbon and sliver lap machines, the following answers were given:

3 on ribbon lap machine—1.80 on sliver lap machine 3 on ribbon lap machine—1.25 on sliver lap machine 5 on ribbon lap machine—1.50 on sliver lap machine

The meeting concluded with a discussion on "Which should be heavier per yard, sliver or ribbon laps?"

This question touched off a lively debate and many varying opinions were offered. At the conclusion, it was hard to determine that any definite opinion has been developed where the whole meeting was concerned. Several members had their own opinions which they defended vigorously.

Mr. Dilling finally put the matter to a vote and out of a total of 12 votes cast, seven stated that the sliver lap should be lighter and five that the sliver lap be heavier.

In attempting to summarize opinion on this question, Chairman Dilling said that it was apparent that there was considerable misunderstanding on the subject and that it was one of which the Division might profitably spend more time for investigation.

#### ATTENDANCE

Among those present were:

Adams, Geo. B., Sales Mgr., Kleen-A-Lub Co., Charlotte, N. C.

Adams, M. R., Supt., Parkdale Mills, Inc., Gastonia, N. C.

Blankenship, G. E., O-Spinning, A. M. Smyre Mfg. Co., Gastonia, N. C.

Brady, B. E., Rex Spinning Co., Gastonia, N. C.

Childress, H. M., Dunn Mfg. Co., Gastonia, N. C. Clary, R. S., O-Spinning, A. M. Smyre Mfg. Co., Gastonia, N. C.

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Dellinger, D. C., O-Carding, Parkdale Mill, Gastonia.

Dilling, Marshall, Supt., A. M. Smyre Mfg. Co., Gastonia, N. C.

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## Recognition of Russia

It appears that we are to yield to organized propaganda and will recognize Russia.

In an address on January 10, 1933, Dictator Stalin of Russia said:

"Our own camp is being increased throughout the world by the successes of the Five-Year Plan. This means that proletarian revolutions are threatening the capitalist world and that these successes are mobilizing revolutionary forces of all countries against capitalism."

In an even more recent address, Stalin said:

"The Communist Internationale has created possibilities for the Communist party in the United States to reach the stage where it is able to prepare the masses for the coming revolution."

To concede recognition as a friend to a nation that protests she is not a friend, but on the contrary is dedicated to the overthrow of our institutions and sworn to conspire against our peace and security, is unthinkable, "a solemn lie," to use the words of Secretary of State Elihu Root.

Bainbridge Colby is authority for the statement that no nation has materially increased its trade with Russia as the result of recognition, nor has the United States suffered in the least by withholding it.

The credit of Russia is such that we cannot afford to sell them much goods and no one has tried to explain how their credit will be improved by recognition. Their repudiation of former obligations has not helped their credit.

Were Russia interested only in her own Government, no matter how unsatisfactory that form might be to us, we would have no legitimate reason for withholding recognition but the statements made by Dictator Stalin within the past few months show that paid agents of Russia are endeavoring to overthrow our Government through a revolution.

With full knowledge that agents of Soviet

Russia, with their salaries and expenses paid by the Russian Government, are even now working to create distrust and dissatisfaction in the United States and produce a revolution we propose to recognize Russia as a friend.

If we should obtain some trade with Russia as a reward for recognition we will ultimately pay for same in blood.

## **Typical Misrepresentation**

In a circular distributed at High Point, N. C., by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers we note the following statement:

IT IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION IN HIGH POINT HAVING A CHARTER GRANTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT WITH JURISDICTION OVER HOSIERY WORKERS. IT IS THE ONLY LEGIMITATE TRADE UNION IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA HAVING JURISDICTION OVER HOSIERY WORKERS.

This is a deliberate effort to deceive the hosiery mill workers into believing that the Government has issued a special charter to the American Federation of Hosiery Workers and wants the hosiery mill operatives to join same.

Those operatives, who have intelligence, must know that the Government does not and can not issue charters. Charters are obtained from States, not from the Federal Government, and the only charter the American Federation of Hosiery Workers has was issued by the State of New York.

An interesting sidelight upon the effort to establish the American Federation of Hosiery Workers at High Point is that a hosiery workers union, organized by local men, has been in existence there for more than a year.

The present effort is towards getting the workers to pay dues to the New York organization rather than to the North Carolina union.

#### No Need to Guess

We note the following dispatch from Washington, D. C.:

Washington, Oct. 23.—The question whether the Post Office Department should use imported jute or native cotton twine arose again Monday in the opening of bids for a 600,000-pound supply.

Only two bids were received. One, by the Ludlow Sales Corporation, Ludlow, Mass., was low with an offer of 10 cents and 10½ cents a pound for two grades of

The Granite Falls Manufacturing Company, of Granite Falls, N. C., bid 213/4 cents and 213/2 cents a pound for cotton twine.

There is no need to guess who will get the order because everybody knows in advance that it will be jute.

A processing tax of 4.2 cents has been added

to cotton in addition to its price having been advanced from 6 to 10 cents under the efforts to give American farmers better prices.

The labor cost in producing cotton twine has been greatly increased through the 40-hour week and the minimum wages and other restrictions.

Jute is produced in India with 16 cents per day labor. It is admitted with a tariff which is so small as to be negligible. It pays no processing tax.

They talk about aiding recovery in this country but the powerful jute lobby which has for many years prevented a tariff on jute and jute products is able to prevent any compensating processing tax or jute and the cheap labor of India is allowed to send in its jute with a great competitive advantage over cotton.

Millions of jute and paper bags are being daily substituted for cotton by cement plants, flour mills and other industries, but the jute lobby is powerful and cotton manufacturers are too weak kneed to put up any real fight.

The present situation is beyond our comprehension. Cotton products are taxed for the benefit of the cotton growers. At the same time, cotton manufacturers and cotton farmers are losing business to a foreign product which pays no tax, and virtually no duty.

## They Tax Us for Such

From a full page Sunday feature in the Youngstown Vindicator we clipped the following:

That love has stepped right out of the shadow into the lecture room is a miracle due, most of all, to Professor Ernest R. Groves, who gave the first college course in love and marriage ever given in the United States, at Boston University. Today he is teaching the young people at the University of North Carolina how to manage their love life. And, whenever he gets time, he writes a new textbook on the important subject. His two latest are "Sex in Marriage" and just "Marriage."

First of all, we might ask Professor Groves to tell us what is sex appeal. We hear much of that. But the answer, the scientific, collegiate answer, has tarried. Now—please—listen to the professor:

"Sex appeal," says Professor Groves, "is a specific, inherited, automatic pattern of response."

With several hundred thousand pieces of property being advertised and sold for taxes in North Carolina it is interesting to know that some of the blood money went to pay the salary of Professor Groves.

Men and women who did their loving and courting in the old-fashioned way and then built a little home only to lose it because of excessive taxes will be delighted to learn that the sacrifice of their homes enabled Professor Groves to live

comfortably while teaching the young men of North Carolina about sex and love.

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We believe in education, that is, legitimate and necessary education, but to pay men salaries to express their pet theories upon sex and kindred matters is like stealing money from taxpayers.

## **Babson Advises Purchase of Real Estate**

Investors with large blocks of government bonds, with large bank accounts, or with prime fixed-income bearing securities of all kinds are hedging against inflation by shifting part of their funds into commodities, "cheap" bonds, and common stocks of industrial and railroad companies.

There is another class of property which also offers an excellent protection against inflation. This is real estate. There is something instinctive in humanity which forces men to turn to real estate in times of violent financial storm. At current bargain prices, I know of no better way to protect cash or government bonds against a cheapening of the dollar than by purchasing a good medium-sized farm. Many banks in the Middle West are loaded with farm land which they would like to sell at a fair price. In my opinion there is nothing cheaper today and there is no better way to protect funds against depreciation of the dollar.—Roger Babson's Weekly Letter.

## Supreme Court on Labor Unions

In a decision rendered about 1929, the United States Supreme Court said:

"The same liberty which enables men to form unions and through the unions to enter into agreement with employers willing to agree, entitles other men to remain independent of the union and other employers to agree with them to employ no man who owes allegiance or obligation to the union."

With only two changes, the same Supreme Court is sitting in Washington and there is so much equity and justice in the above statement that there is little danger of any other position being taken.

All of us wish to co-operate with the NRA, but if William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, goes too far with his selfish plans and demands, it will be necessary to assert that a desision of the United States Supreme Court takes precedence over the laws of the NRA



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## MILL NEWS ITEMS

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—The 540 looms of the Cherokee Spinning Company are now engaged in manufacturing fancy shirtings. This company owns its own dye plant and does its own dyeing.

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Approximately \$1,000 in cash was secured by burglars last Wednesday night when the office of the Pomona Mills, Inc., was broken into and the combination hammered off of the safe. A number of checks and a gold watch that had been left overnight in the safe were not taken.

GAFFNEY, S. C.—Pursuant to a resolution of the board of directors, a meeting of the stockholders of the Derry Damask Mills will be held at the office of the company in Gaffney at 11 o'clock, October 31st, to consider decreasing the capital stack of the company from \$75,000 to \$25,000, according to W. K. Gunter, the president.

HIGH POINT, N. C.—The Plymouth Hosiery Mills, Inc., with principal office at High Point, has filed a certificate of incorporation with Secretary of State Stacey W. Wade, at Raleigh, to manufacture, buy, sell and generally deal in hosiery, cloth, silks, shirts, overalls, etc. Authorized capital stock \$100,000, by W. A. Davis, C. S. McKenzie, W. S. Swaim and Robert D. Davis, all of High Point.

ROCK HILL, S. C.—Announcement is made that the Industrial Cotton Mills Company this week will operate two shifts of 25 hours a week each instead of the two 44-hour shifts they have been operating, and the Highland Park Manufacturing Company Unit No. 2 will operate half time this week. Abbreviated operations are attributed to the present lack of orders.

RAEFORD, N. C.—The Morgan Cotton Mills, Inc., Raeford plant, is now in full operation with the following personnel: P. L. West, general superintendent; M. F. Ross, overseer carding; G. F. West, overseer spinning; Perlie Stevens, master mechanic. The mills, which were acquired by the Morgan interests some time ago, had been idle for some time.

ANDERSON, S. C.—Plans for complete electrification of the Appleton Mills plant at a total cost of around \$200,-000 was announced by mill officials. The contract for the work was awarded to the Webb Electric Company of Anderson.

With the work scheduled to be completed about January 1st, electric power will supplant mechanical power at the mill. Plans for the job were drawn by the J. E. Sirrine & Co., engineers of Greenville.

CHESTER, S. C.—The Baldwin plant of the Aragon-Baldwin group of mills has been purchased by the Springs Cotton Mills, with headquarters in Lancaster and with two plants here. The Baldwin plant has 32,000 spindles and 900 looms.

It is understood that the capacity of the plant will be increased by removal here of the carding and spinning equipment from the Altavista Cotton Mills, Altavista, Va

In addition to the local mills, the Aragon-Baldwin Mills have plants at Rock Hill and Whitmire.

## MILL NEWS ITEMS

HICKORY, N. C.—Announcement has been made here that three of the textile manufacturing plants in the Shuford group closed down Monday. Two of the mills are located in this city and one at Granite Falls, N. C. It is thought that the close-down will be of short duration.

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Following a week of idleness on account of labor troubles in Northern finishing mills, the Southern Silk Mills, with units here and at Kernersville, are back in operation on a restricted basis. Vice-President J. B. Merritt said that it is hoped the mills will be able to resume full operations this week.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA.—Plans for the transfer of the old Seidman Braid and Fabric Corporation's plant to the Wardi Silk Mill Company of New York were announced here. The New York firm will transfer its manufacturing operations from New Jersey. Labor conditions in the East, officials said, resulted in the decision to move South. The company will manufacture silk underwear as soon as the local plant can be converted and then will employ 200 operatives.

MORGANTON, N. C.—Papers have been returned here in the case of Mrs. Minnie H. Reddish versus officers and directors of Textiles, Inc., of Gastonia, for recovery of \$6,800 as an outgrowth of the transfer of 48 shares of stock in Flint Manufacturing Company, of Gastonia, it was learned. A. G. Myers and R. G. Rankin are receivers for the corporation.

The case probably will be heard in Superior Court here at an early date.

MARTINSVILLE, VA.—The Jobbers Pants Company, of Baltimore, has accepted the city's offer to move one of its plants here, which will offer employment to 700 people.

The building of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company on Fayette street, formerly used as stemmery for the Reynolds concern, will be utilized. Three brick buildings with 70,000 square feet of floor space are available. Machinery and equipment from the Baltimore plant, being dismantled there, will be shipped here in the earliest possible moment, in order that operations may start within the next several months, it was stated. The new concern will have a payroll of \$10,000 weekly.

UNION CITY, TENN.—The city commissioners have been authorized to enter into a contract immediately with Salant & Salant, work shirt manufacturers of New York, to start a shirt factory here, and to secure suitable buildings and site for the factory. The contract will be entered into promptly and it is thought actual operations will start in the next few weeks. The property of the Child's Specialty Company of this city is being acquired, and is ready for immediate occupancy and the starting of operation of the new plant. Additional floor space will be added and this will make another large industry for this city, employing from 300 to 400 people.

Lexington, N. C.—Plans have been completed and bids are now being received for an additional building for the Lexington Silk Mills, which is designed to greatly increase the daily output of the present unit, which has been operating full time since coming under the present management over eight months ago. Lexington Silk Mills are under the general management of its president, J.

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Spencer Love, of Burlington, the directing head of some eighteen textile plants, mainly of the rayon-silk industry. W. I. Spencer is superintendent of the mill here.

The new building, which will be located on the west side of the present structure, will be of the same type of construction, brick and steel sash, and will be about two-thirds the size of the present building. It is planned to have construction under way at an early date and it is the hope of officials of the company to have the new building and machinery read by the first of the year. When the additional building space is completed it is planned to conduct all the preparatory processes there and to fill the present building entirely with modern and up-to-date looms. A number of new looms have been installed by the present management, these replacing some of an older type that were placed several years ago when the factory was established as a broad silk weaving plant. The present plant produces rayon products.

### New Du Pont Color

Leucosol Yellow K Paste (Patented), a vat color of the anthraquinone series prepared particularly for the printing trade, has just been announced by the Dyestuffs Division of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. It is a nondrying paste; and, as it is being manufactured especially for printing purposes, it is claimed to be grit-free, nonfoaming, and does not yield specky prints, settle out, or form crusts in the barrel.

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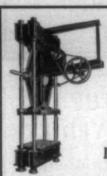
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## The Export and Import Situation for Cotton Textiles Under the Code

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given foreign industries a tremendous advantage in their export trade position. Their selling prices are still based on low costs resulting from long working hours and low wages. To permit our export trade to be destroyed cannot but seriously retard the effort to rehabilitate the domestic cotton textile industry, and the maintenance of the place in foreign trade, which has been built up through the expenditure of incalculable money and effort, has an importance far greater than is reflected by the figures showing that it represents 7 per cent of our total annual production.

#### IMPORTS OF TEXTILES

Difficult questions also have arisen in regard to imports. Higher domestic prices due to the code have made us more vulnerable to foreign competition in our own domestic market, and the threat of increasing shipments of cotton textiles to this country from abroad is serious. Already in some branches of our domestic textile industry, imports have had destructive effect. There is an increasing flow of certain types of cotton goods which, despite duties, freights, and other costs, from which competitive American merchandise is free, can be sold to the consumer at prices which displace American goods in the home market.

We have a concise picture of the foreign trade situation, as a whole, in a late analysis which shows that the trend in recent months has been toward an increasing unfavorable balance against the United States. August was the fourth consecutive month in which imports of all kinds were greater in value than in the preceding month. It was the third consecutive month in which imports exceeded those of the comparative period of the preceding year. In August total imports increased 70 per cent, compared with a year ago; and the unfavorable trade balance was the largest since March, 1926.

Here, again, Japanese competition is the greatest menace. Japan is not only winning our export business in grey and bleached sheetings, denims, colored cottons, and in fact all staple goods, but Japanese exporters are after the American market also. Recently a number of New York selling agents received a letter from the New York agency of a firm described as one of the oldest exporters and importers in Japan. This firm specializes in cotton piece goods, and the letter stated that large quantities are regularly shipped from Kobe to Australia, India, Africa, Egypt, and other countries. Their objective was to establish connections with a local firm interested in handling Japanese cotton piece goods in the New York market, and it was also stated that this Japanese firm wishes to extend its export market for cotton goods to Central and South America through the intermediary of an American firm, goods to be either transshipped to New York or shipped direct to these markets. Here is an enticing opportunity for an American selling agent.

In 1930, our imports of cotton floor coverings totalled 4,302,000 sq. yds., valued at \$1,715,000. In 1932, these imports were 9,415,000 sq. yds. valued at \$3,707,000. For seven months of the present year, these imports were 7,665,000 sq. yds. with a value of \$1,990,000.

Imported cotton rugs of various kinds are deluging our home market. One type of Japanese cotton chenille rug can be landed here at 42c, while the cotton content alone of a similar rug of American manufacture would cost over 72c. Agents of domestic cotton rug manufacturers located in New York City have reported that importers of Japanese rugs send their customers to our domestic showrooms with instructions that they may select any domestic pattern desired, and the Japanese importer will supply an exact duplicate of it at 50 per cent less than the price for the domestic article.

A similar situation is illustrated by fish netting. Low priced netting is being offered in the American market by Japan, Germany, Holland, Great Britain, and Scandinavia.

Japanese netting, 1½-inch 10-6 ply thread is offered delivered duty paid on the Pacific Coast at \$43.47 per hundred pounds. The price of comparable American netting is \$127, the cost of the thread alone manufactured in American mills being more than the entire cost of the Japanese product. American netting manufacturers report the loss if important business due to this situation.

The New York Custom House reports that for July importations of tire fabric and cord amounted to 46,472 lbs.; for August 137,768 lbs., while the Custom House records indicate that for the whole year 1932 only 700 lbs. came into this country from foreign producers.

The American cotton manufacturer operating under the higher costs imposed by the code, and facing this character of foreign competition, is in an intolerable situation which only prompt action can relieve.

#### Equalization Fund Needed

The remedy for this situation might be in the form of an equalization fund applicable to exports. With the support of such a fund, manufacturers could meet foreign price competition in markets already established, and preserve a trade which is threatened with extinction, while the fund need not be a burden upon the American taxpayer, since it could be set up from receipts from the processing tax on imported cotton goods, and the compensating taxes provided in the Agricultural Adjustment Act on materials competitive with cottons. Representations have already been made to Washington by the Cotton-Textile Institute and the Textile Export Association, and the proper officials have been fully informed as to the existing situation and the suggested method of relief. Action is imperative; we urge that relief measures for this critical situation be both prompt and adequate.



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### **Defines Direction** Of Twist in Yarns

Providence, R. I.-A definition of the direction of twist in cotton yarns, a subject that has been controversial in various branches of the cotton industry for many years, was agreed upon by the subbcommittee of the American Society for Testing Materials which began a two-day session at the Biltmore Hotel here.

All branches of the textile industry are not agreed, it will be brought out in their interpretation of the definition of twist for cotton yarns, single and plied. What is termed a "right-hand twist" in the sewing thread branch of the industry is considered a "left-hand twist" in other cotton divisions, for example.

The resulting confusion among salesmen, mill men and tester, prompted action on a definite interpretation.

The definition adopted was as follows: "In the case of yarn or cord, the yarn or cord has a right hand or regular twist, if, when held vertically, the spirals or twists are seen to incline upward in a right-hand direction, and has a left-hand or reverse twist when the spirals are seen to in-

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cline upward in a left-hand direction. In other words, with the yarn in a horizontal position, fixed at the left end, the twist may be taken out by twisting to the right, thereby designating the yarn as a right hand twist.

Approximately 50 members of the society from all parts of the country were present.

## Present and Prospective Developments

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has been falsely asserted that the minimum wage has

become the wage maximum.

The facts which I have just given you, drawn from the actual payroll figures, completely demonstrate how contrary to the fact are any such conceptions. They result from a failure to recognize the function which the minimum wage scale plays in a code. Not only would the whole tradition of the industry as to different occupational rates of pay absolutely have prevented the minimums from becoming maximums, but the provisions of the code itself expressly prevent it by preserving the precode differences in wage rates for the occupational groups receiving above the minimum.

Further, the code expressly provides that though the maximum hours of work are required to be greatly shortened over those previously prevailing, the new hourly rates must enable an employee to receive at least as much for a full work week for the shorter hours as he received

for the previous longer hours.

#### CODE INCREASES EMPLOYMENT

Now as to the effect of the code upon employment. Have we done our part in reabsorbing into industry the unemployed? The 40-hour week had the effect of reducing the working week in cotton manufacturing on an average of 25 pe rcent. An employment survey brought out that during the last week of August the number of persons on mill payrolls had increased to the extent of 140,000 workers, or 40 per cent compared with the first week of March. We have more than brought employment in the industry back to pre-depression levels. The amount of the weekly payroll compared with the first week of March increased nearly 100 per cent.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS

The cotton code forbids the employment of minors under the age of 16 years. This provision has attracted public attention to a degree all out of proportion to its true significance in the cotton textile industry. Magazine writers have hailed it as ending a regime of large scale employment of children in cotton mills. Anyone who will take the trouble to examine the reports of the U.S. Census will see that the employment of minors in recent years has been negligible and in 1930 amounted only to approximately 3 per cent of the total persons employed in our industry at that time. Three-fourths of this number had reached the age of 15 years. We had every reason to believe that the employment of minors under 16 had reached practically the vanishing point since 1930. Nevertheless the Cotton Textile Industry Committee was glad to include this provision in the first code. Just prior to the conclusion of our public hearing, General Johnson referred to the fact that the minimum wage provision in the code would, as a practical matter, in itself have eliminated the employment of minors. He nevertheless congratulated the industry for taking this step which has been followed in all the other codes that have had the President's approval.

#### CODE VIOLATION EXAGGERATED

The number of complaints has been greatly magnified in certain quarters. So far the Institute's field staff has investigated or otherwise dealt with approximately 350 complaints and on last advice there were still in their hands something short of 200 complaints awaiting investigation. Many of those investigated have been found to be justified but very evidently had resulted from a misinterpretation or lack of understanding of the code provisions on the part of mill executives or their subordinates.

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## COTTON GOODS

New York.—It was another quiet week in the cotton goods markets. Prices on both gray and finished goods were weaker. A reduction in output was reported from several sections as mills began to curtail as orders were filled. There seems little doubt that plants will be closed rather than operated for stock under present conditions. Toward the close of the week inquiries were much more frequent but buyers apparently did not have the confidence to cover further at prevailing prices.

While the print cloth mills, as a whole, are well sold ahead, mills on a number of other gray goods construc-

tions are not so well situated.

Mill prices were at unchanged prices, and second hands, scenting the possibility of an advance, cut their concessions until there were few second hand offerings at any price and those which were around were within 1-1c of first hand prices. All of this was watched with little interest by buyers, who had little real interest in goods, and were only following the gray goods prices as a barometer of their own replacement costs. Finished goods movement had sunk to a pretty low level on many types. There was one section of the buying division, however, which followed the day's events with keen interest. This section, represented by jobbing and mail order houses, has been keeping a close eye on gray goods markets, and it is widely believed that some substantial buying is going to come from that direction in the near future.

Broadcloths were quiet and unchanged, except that more houses were willing to duplicate recent sales of low

count goods.

Sheetings were quiet, and some further easiness developed. Drills were dull, with one or two numbers sliding off. Filling sateens and three-leaf twills were about steady.

Fine goods markets were not active. Some sales were reported of odd lots of standard numbers at no important price changes and there was moderate trading in fancies.

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## YARN MARKET

Philadelphia, Pa.—Only a very small amount of business was done in cotton yarn last week. Trade has been slowing up for the past several weeks and the situation has been one in which there was nothing to stimulate further buying. In some instances, mills received additional shipping instructions on orders they took some time ago, but new business was very light.

None of the yarn consuming trades appear in need for yarns at the moment and they are not inclined to anticipate their future requirements. The spread between spinners' prices and buyers' ideas has narrowed somewhat as yarns have gone lower, but the markets lack a definite trading basis. Prices are regarded as irregular and confused, with not enough actual buying to establish a more definite level. Spinners are showing a disposition to curtail production in the face of declining demand. A good many carded yarn plants have ceased to run full time. In a number of cases combed yarn mills which were behind in orders some months ago are now running on a part time basis and report a very slow demand.

Combed yarn spinners are making bitter complaint complaint against the processing tax, stating that rayon is making serious inroads in the business formerly done in combed yarns, because of the low prices of rayon.

Spinners are hoping that the cotton market will develop new strength and feel that higher cotton will bring out deferred yarn buying. So far the mills have not done anything like the amount of bbusiness that was expected in September and October.

The market gave signs of rallying from the price easing trend which has continued since a week ago and gained impetus on Monday of this week on a weak staple situation. At the close Saturday it was noted that various spinners who had become eager to find customers were withdrawing, so that the loy quotations several had made were no longer certain of acceptance.

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## Cotton Yarns vs. Rayon

The action of the Southern combed yarn spinners in session here in determining to do something about the unfair discrimination that is being practiced against them in the matter of processing taxes is to be commended.

The short of the matter is, that the combed yarn industry is losing business to the rayon manufacturers at a rapid rate. Many combed yarn manufacturers here reported the alarming disclosure that many of their customers had offered to resell to them-the cotton manufacturers, themselvesthe very varn which they had bought from the cotton mill men, at a price less than they had paid for it, so low was the price of the competing fiber,

If such a thing is true, and it was reported by no less than two or three mill men, things have come to a pretty pass with the cotton mill industry. The gist of the matter is that there is no compensating tax on rayon, jute, and other competing products to make up for the processing tax that has been put on cotton goods by the Agriculture Adjustment Administration. Furthermore, the rayon plants, it was pointed out, run the amazing total of 168 hours a week, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, more than twice the time allowed cotton mills to run. This is necessary, it is stated, on account of the nature of the rayon product, being

largely from wood pulp; it is necessary that this stuff, once started in process, be finished. The mill men think, since this is necessary, there ought to be some limit to the quantity of their production, inasmuch as they do not have any limit to their hours of running.

That the situation is desperate is evidenced by the fact that many of the combed yarn plants in the county are already curtailing to an alarming degree. Some are running only two and three days per week, because there is no market for their product at the prices which they must charge. The rayon people have simply knocked the bottom out of the prices.

This is a matter which deserves the most careful and diligent attention, both from our manufacturers and from our representatives in Congress. Our Senators and Representatives ought to be looking into this unjust discrimination. Just why no compensating tax has been imposed on the rayon and jute people is something that has never been satisfactorily explained.

It looks as if the cotton textile industry is being made the goat in some of the plans of the National Recovery Act. For one thing, the industry was the first to come under the code, and is being made to suffer for this in several ways.

It is time some action were being taken to put the industry in position to compete with other industries on a fair and just basis.-Gastonia Gazette.

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## VISITING THE MILLS

Edited by Mrs. Ethel Thomas Dabbs

## DARLINGTON, S. C.

DARLINGTON MFG. Co.—OFFICIALS AND OPERATIVES ARE REAL FRIENDS

The pictures of village scenes shown in this issue give some idea of the beauty of the community. The picture of C. L. Gilbert, superintendent, who has been on the job for 14 years, does not do him justice, but his friends all

over the South will be pleased to have this glimpse of him. We wanted a picture of those fine overseers and second hands, but none had been taken.

Pictures add much to the interest of a write-up, and we wish more mills would have them made. However, nothing is more beautiful than the spirit of good will and harmony that exists between the officials and operatives at this mill.

Employees seem to take pride in the mill, the work, and in their homes. The



C. L. GILBERT

mill is nice and clean, with work running good in all departments.

PAK pick clocks have recently been placed on the 1,224 looms, making it possible for each shift to know exactly how much cloth has been woven.

Operatives are insured for \$500, which is free after 90 days' service. Also, in addition, operatives may take out \$1,000 insurance for 65 cents per month if they desire. (The writer pays \$3.35 per month for \$1,000 insurance. See the difference?) Mill people everywhere have wonderful advantages.

### COMMUNITY PRIDE

Once a year a board of 12 operatives are elected to look after the welfare of the community, and their duties are to report needed repairs in property or necessary reform in morals. They are perfectly free to go to overseers, superintendent or to the higher officials for the discussion of subjects they deem important. It is said these elections are "hot as real politics" and are conducted with all the dignity of a county or State election.

Darlington Manufacturing Company has much to recommend it. There are several village churches that are a credit to the people. Good schools for children. The town, close by, with all its attractions.

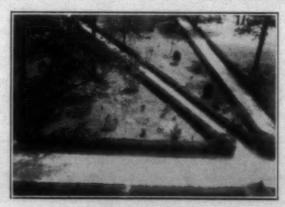
Fifteen years ago there were no hedges or shrubbery about the mill, but Superintendent Gilbert changed all that. He is very successful in rooting cuttings or growing seedlings, and has several hundred crepe myrtles, lots



Village Street-Methodist Church

of flowering and evergreen trees and shrubs about the mill and over the village.

Superintendent and Mrs. Gilbert have one of the prettiest homes in Darlington, where Mr. Gilbert's love for



Corner of Mill Park

to be in this hospitable home, where we saw Mr. Gilbert's "boss," who is about 16 months old, and his only grand-child—a lovely little boy.

landscape gardening has been well expressed in the surroundings. Uncle Hamp and Aunt Becky were delighted

### OVERSEERS AND OTHERS

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W. F. Pettit, overseer spinning; on first shift, A. R. Small is second hand; F. J. Weaver, F. S. Kinsey, J. O. Hamilton and N. D. Tunstall, section men; R. L. Edward, section on spooling and warping. On second shift, W. I. Maddox is second hand; J. C. Tunstall, F. L. Riles, Pat Kelley and Roland Dixon, section men; H. L. Herrin, section on spooling and warping; A. H. Jacob, overhauler.

G. L. Gilbert (son of the superintendent) is overseer weaving and designer. On first shift, J. W. Merritt and H. M. Weaver are second hands; D. K. Wright, J. D.



Community House, Mill and Store

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W. A. Jordan is cloth room overseer; C. F. Walton, slasher foreman; J. H. Hancock, foreman in tie-in room; M. H. Fleming, master mechanic.

R. W. Twitty, son of W. F. Twitty, treasurer and general manager, is working up in the mill and deeply interested in textiles. He is now assistant designer. We were glad to meet this earnest and pleasant young man.

M. M. Yates is assistant treasurer; A. T. Shearin is Y. M. C. A. secretary and always has the interest of the community at heart. There is something doing all the time—and many opportunities for improvement and advancement in various lines.

There are 1,224 looms—342 being dobby looms.

Thanks to Mr. W. F. Twitty, Mr. and Mrs. C. L.
Gilbert and others for a very delightful visit to Darlington.

#### JASPER, ALA.

#### ALABAMA MILLS (JASPER PLANT)

We had never before seen this pretty place, though our good friend, Superintendent C. H. Lockman, and family, had been here around three years.

This is truly a nice mill and village—all new, well painted, and in good order. The houses are neat in design and are white with gray triming, and gray with white trimming.

We have never met a more friendly and progressive group of people, and have never enjoyed a visit more. The mill is operating in full co-operation with the NRA and work running as near perfect as possible.

J. W. Skipper, overseer carding and spinning, knows his stuff, and has a fine set of assistants and employees. W. H. Rhyne is in charge at night. Among the progressives are C. C. Haywood and Roy Wilson, card grinders; Monroe Clark and Claude Clark, section men in carding; Luther Marlow, section man, and Jack Woodard, second hand in spinning.

W. R. Brooks is the splendid overseer weaving, day line, with W. L. Harris, night weaver; W. L. Callaway, W. A. Busbin, Allan Smith, G. W. Evans and J. F. Frederick are efficient loom fixers.

H. C. Callaway is tying-in man; C. Butler is slasher foreman; Elias Robinett, overseer cloth room; Edis L. Bobo, cloth checker.

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J. F. Sawyer is in charge of the up-to-date roll covering shop which employs several people. Rolls are covered here for all ten of the Alabama Mills. Belt repairing is also done and loom straps made.

## MUNFORD, ALA.

This dandy little mill was stopped for a day or two—waiting for a supply of cotton, I believe. J. E. Carter, superintendent, is a jolly, friendly gentleman, who always has a smile and warm welcome for his friends.

He has a nice office, newly painted inside—a "turkey red" with lovely stenciled border of white. One may think that this color would be hard on the eyes, but it isn't, and the rich, warm color is a pleasing backgrounud for the genial superintendent.

## HARTSVILLE, S. C.

HARTSVILLE COTTON MILL—A GOOD MILL IN A GOOD TOWN

Had a disappointment here—did not get to see the treasurer, M. T. Twitty, one of our valued friends. T. E. McAlpine is secretary; G. H. Milliken, of New York, president; M. W. Hill, genial office man.

This mill has 38,280 spindles and 914 looms, on print cloth, and, under the supervision of W. A. Carpenter, has a splendid record. The mill and machinery looks well cared for, work runs good, and the operatives seem happy and prosperous.

We would very much like to have a picture of the superintendent and overseers, and perhaps we will get one later, if they will keep their promise to visit a photographer.

J. C. Morton is overseer carding; B. M. Simpson, overseer spinning; L. C. Ross and A. R. Lemons, progressive second hands; L. E. Blackmon, overseer weaving, with M. F. Davis, a live wire second hand.

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## Few Children Quit Mills for School

Greenville, S. C.—Despite the fact that several reports from schools in textile districts in other sections of the nation indicate that enrollment has increased considerably as the result of abolition of child labor under the textile code, a survey in the Parker School district here, which embraces the heavily populated textile area around this center, shows that only six additions have been made.

The population of the Parker district, which is almost completely textile, since about a score of mills are located in the area, is around 33,000, of which 7,000 are now in attendance at the many grammar schools and the high school. In view of the fact that only six children below sixteen years of age were employed in the mills in such a way that it interfered with their attendance at school, the record is considered exceptional for local

L. P. Hollis, superintendent of the Parker district schools, said that those six children employed in the mills before the child labor section of the textile code had been put into effect were employed only temporarily during the time when two shifts were used just previous to the agreements to the code.

The record shows clearly that the many manufacturing plants in the district abandoned child labor long before enactment of the child labor section of the code. For years a child labor amendment to the Constitution has been a bone of contention.

T. M. Marchant of Greenville, head of the American Manufacturers' Association, was a leading proponent of abolition of child labor at conferences on the textile code.

## Goodrich Develops **New Elastic Thread**

Akron, O.-The B. F. Goodrich Company has developed a new slowageing rubber thread which it is claimed will give much longer life than ever before to elastic textiles, such as corsets, garters, suspenders, and undergarments.

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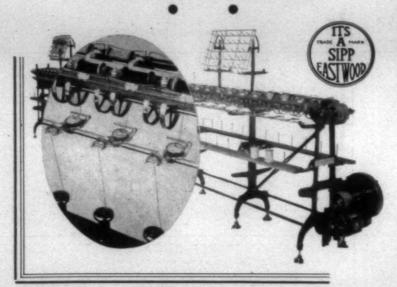
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